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### INTERPRETIVE MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 2, 2011

**To:** MD Youth Camp Operators

**From:** Clifford S. Mitchell, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Health and Food Protection

**Re:** **REVISED POLICY: COMAR 10.16.06.33 Nonprescription and Prescription Medicine (Sunscreen)**

### THIS MEMORANDUM SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS INTERPRETIVE MEMORANDA REGARDING SUNSCREEN.

Appropriate sunscreen use is important to prevent skin damage and skin cancer in children. The Department encourages the appropriate use of sunscreen during summer activities. At the same time, sunscreen can cause allergic reactions in a small number of children, and parents may wish to be involved in decisions regarding sunscreen use for their children.

1. The Office of Environmental Health and Food Protection no longer considers sunscreen a medication requiring a prescriptive order.
2. Camps shall obtain authorization from the parent/guardian before applying sunscreen at camp. The authorization shall include the camper's name, the parent or guardian's signature, the date signed, the brand of sunscreen and whether staff may assist the camper in the application of the sunscreen.
3. Camps should encourage parents/guardians to provide sunscreen. Camps are also permitted to provide sunscreen with approval by parents/guardians.
4. Parents/guardians should be encouraged to apply sunscreen to their child before the child attends camp for the day.

This policy is now in effect. Questions may be directed to the Office Help Line toll-free at 1-866-703-3266.

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